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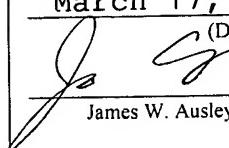
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 For : BILL ACCEPTOR FOR A GAMING MACHINE  
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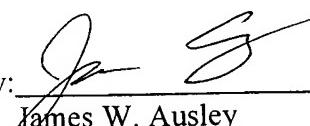
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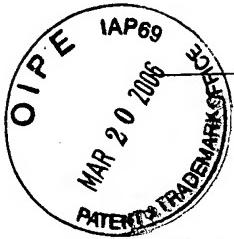
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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ABANDONED STATUS

First named inventor : James Rist  
 App. No. : 10/020,484  
 Filed : December 12, 2001  
 Title : BILL ACCEPTOR FOR A GAMING MACHINE  
 Examiner : Matthew D. Hoel  
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Dear Sirs:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper response to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2003, which set a 3 month period for response. The Applicant submits that the Notice of Abandonment has been sent in error and requests reconsideration.

On June 1, 2004 an Amendment was filed in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. The Amendment was filed with a Request for Extension of Time of two months and the required fee. We note that a three month extension of time should have been requested, however the response was filed along with authorization for the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extension of time, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A copy of the Amendment is attached. Also attached is a printout from the USPTO's Private PAIR database indicating that the Amendment was received in the U.S. Patent Office on June 4, 2004.

On July 1, 2005 and November 22, 2005, the Applicant's representative filed Status Letters requesting the status of the Application. A copy of both documents and their respective USPTO-date stamped return postcards are attached. The Applicant's representative received no response to either Status Letter.

It is requested that the Examiner revive the application and accept the Amendment timely filed on June 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date of Action: 12/30/2003Rec'd in the USPTO on the date stamped hereon via Certificate of Mail:  
Docket #: FBRIC20.001AUS Applicant: RIST, JamesTitle: BILL ACCEPTOR FOR A GAMING MACHINEApp No.: 10/020,484 Filed: 12/12/2001  
VERIFIED BY: Asst: A.Cogar Atty: JWA QC: W

- Transmittal Letter  
 Amendment in 8 pgs  
 2 Month Extension Requested  
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Search results for application number: 10/020,484			
Application Number:	10/020,484	Customer Number:	20995
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Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	12-30-2003
Examiner Name:	THAI, XUAN MARIAN	Location:	ELECTRONIC
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Confirmation Number:	6786	Earliest Publication No:	US 2003-0109302 A1
Attorney Docket Number:	FBRIC20.001AUS	Earliest Publication Date:	06-12-2003
Class/ Sub-Class:	463/025	Patent Number:	-
First Named Inventor:	James Rist, New South Wales, (AU)	Issue Date of Patent:	-
Title Of Invention:	Bill acceptor for a gaming machine		

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08-18-2005	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
07-25-2005	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
06-04-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW
12-30-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection
12-24-2003	Non-Final Rejection
01-14-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
12-12-2001	Preliminary Amendment
02-06-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
01-14-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE
01-11-2002	Application Is Now Complete
12-28-2001	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review

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**UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT  
(miscellaneous) STATUS LETTER**

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Docket #: FEE 2.00345 Applicant: PIST

Title: Blue Headband Edge & Channel Machine

App No.: 10/020,484 Filed: 5/2/01

Exr: WILLIAM W. O'NEILL Art Unit: -

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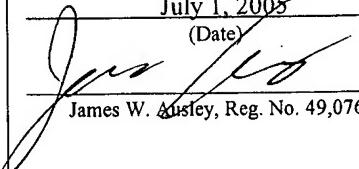
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Dear Sir:

Our file for the subject application reveals that there has been no action in this application for over one year, i.e., June 1, 2004.

Please inform us as to the status of this application.

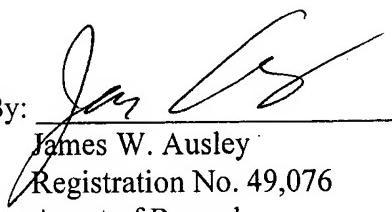
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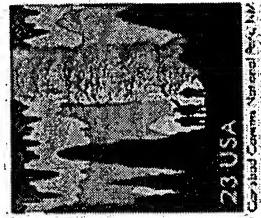
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Docket #: FREEH 2.003AUS Applicant: James Rist

Title: Bill Acceptor For a Gaming Machine

App No.: 10/020484 Filed: Dec. 12, 2001

Exr: Xuan M. Thai Art Unit: 3713

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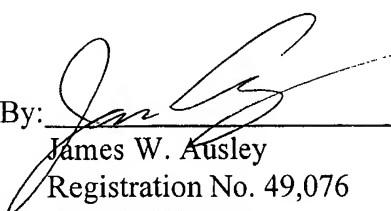
Dear Sir:

Upon review of our records and any available PAIR record, it appears there has been no action in the above-referenced application since the Response to Office Action was mailed on June 1, 2004.

Please inform us as to the status of this application. This is our second request.

Respectfully submitted,  
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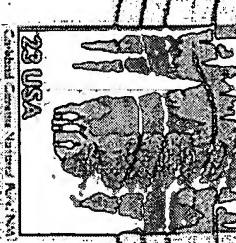
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